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**GUILTY PLEA TO 12 BANK ROBBERIES
IN MARYLAND AND DELAWARE**

Baltimore, Maryland – Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Trent Earl White of Parkville, Maryland, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Marvin J. Garbis today to a four-count Maryland indictment and an eight-count Delaware indictment charging him with committing a total of 12 bank robberies in Maryland and Delaware over a two-year period. White consented to the transfer of his Delaware case to Maryland for purposes of entering his guilty plea and sentencing.

In a Statement of Facts provided to the Court as part of the plea agreement, White admitted that he robbed banks in Lutherville, Cockeysville, Pikesville, and Towson between May 31 and June 24, 2002, in some cases threatening tellers with notes indicating that he had a gun. White also admitted that he robbed eight banks in Delaware between September 2000 and June 2002.

The sentencing hearing is scheduled for May 1, 2003.

The case is a result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Baltimore County Police Department, the Harford County Sheriff's Office, and the Delaware State Police. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven M. Dunne in Maryland and by First Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard G. Andrews in Delaware.